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SUBJECT: (S) TERRORIST FINANCE: INFORMATION ON NGO WITH
POSSIBLE LINKS TO TERRORISM

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¶1. (S/NF) Per reftel request, the following information is provided regarding Kuwait-based NGO Lajnat Al-Daawa Al-Islamiya (LDI: Islamic Call Committee). The information is publicly available. Any new additional information will be provided via ORCA channels.

¶2. (U) Established in 1984, LDI is an affiliate organization of Social Reform Society (SRS). LDI began its relief work in Pakistan and Afghanistan and expanded after the liberation of Kuwait in 1991 to cover new areas, namely, Central Asia Republics, Kashmir, Chechnya, and Muslim minorities. The objectives of LDI include: disseminating concepts of Islam to affirm and correct the Islamic faith in the LDI's areas of action, providing relief to needy Muslims, highlighting charity work in the state of Kuwait, and upgrading the level of Kuwaiti cadres in charity work.

¶3. (U) LDI has established projects and extended aid both domestically in Kuwait and outside Kuwait. Within Kuwait, LDI has established Martyr's Week, sponsored charity exhibitions, supported the building of parks and schools, sponsored sports activities, and participated in religion oriented plays and dramas. Outside of Kuwait, LDI has established construction, production, and charitable projects. Construction projects include schools, institutes, camps, mosques, Islamic centers, well-drilling, housing, health units, orphanages, colleges, institutes, and hospitals. Production projects include, sewing ateliers, farms, apiaries, factories, printing houses and yards. Charitable projects include sponsoring orphans, students, and missionary workers, printing and publishing the Holy Quran and Islamic books, establishing Quran education and inculcation centers, sacrifices, Iftar meals, ambulance posts, ambulance workers' salaries, and teachers' salaries.

¶4. (U) The Chairman of LDI is Abdul Latif Ramadan Al-Hajiri. As noted above, LDI is one of several external committees of the Social Reform Society. SRS external operations are supervised by a General Secretariat headed by Dr. Jassem Mohammed Al-Yassin. The SRS maintains an internet web-site at www.eslah.org.

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